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COUNTRY USSR (Baltic)

REPORT

SUBJECT 1. Observations of Naval Vessels in the
Leningrad-Kronshtadt Area

DATE DISTR.

7 October 1959

2. Sighting of KILDIN-class Vessel off the
Leningrad Lightship, and a Submarine with
Oddshaped Structure on Conning Tower in
Leningrad.

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No. of
Ships Type of Ship

2 cruisers

In Kronshtadt.

both ships were of the SVERDLOV class.

1 cruiser

Kronshtadt. ADMIRAL MAKAROV.

1 cruiser

Kronshtadt. KIROV-class.

1 submarine

Kronshtadt. Foreside of tower
straight, afterside curving down;
no horizontal top.

1 submarine

Kronshtadt. At western pier in
Submarine Basin. Structure resembling
dovecote mounted on tubes. See
sketch attached.¹

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1 cruiser hull

Tied up at Levaya Damba, Leningrad.
The ship was lead-paint-flaked;
limited work was in progress on
board; probably SVERDLOV-class

Also mentioned.

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No. of
Ships Type of Ship

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1	cruiser	In Kronshtadt. Probably SVERDLOV class.
15	destroyers	Kronshtadt. One funnel, flush deck, probably RIGA class.
10	submarines	Kronshtadt. Somewhat identical and quite small.
1	submarine	In western basin, Kronshtadt. Water tower structure amidships; protuberance on bow; "fin" aft. Sketch attached. ¹
5 or 6	submarines	Kronshtadt. Possibly 200 feet long.
2	destroyers	Kronshtadt. Probably SKORYY class.
1	destroyer	Kronshtadt. Definitely KOTLIN class.
2	cruisers	Kronshtadt. Scaffolding around superstructures and masts.
1	cruiser	Leningrad. "Half done", tied up at Levaya Damba; no workers visible.
3	submarines	Kronshtadt. Pipe projecting at 45-degree angle from rear of tower. Probably W-IV class.
2	submarines	Kronshtadt
1	submarine	Tied up at pier in western basin at Kronshtadt. Round structure on tube superimposed on tower. Unseaworthy. ¹
3	cruisers	Probably KIROV class. In Kronshtadt.
3	unknown	In Kronshtadt. "Very large" spherical object at top of high tower-like superstructures. Scaffolding on masts and towers.
1	hull	At Levaya Damba. Very large, rusty, not the same as one which was there
1	probable destroyer	At anchor two nautical miles west of Leningrad Lightship. On after deck: long deckhouse, directional apparatus, and something resembling thick short gun barrels, covered with tarpaulins. Sketch attached.
1	cruiser	In Kronshtadt. KIROV.

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No. of Ships	Type of Ship		
1	cruiser		Probably CHAPAYEV class. Painted steel-blue. Kronshtadt.
2	cruisers		Probable SVERDLOV class. Scaffolding around masts.. Kronshtadt.
1	destroyer		Kronshtadt. Possibly OTLICHNYY class.
6	submarines	es	Kronshtadt. Identical.
3	unknown		Resembled minesweepers; at N 56-59, E 29-08, performing gunnery practice.
3	MTBs		Same position as Item 28. Small type, one gun, two torpedo tubes
1	cruiser		At Kronshtadt. Name: SVERDLOV? Newly painted to carry Khrushchev on Norway visit, according to pilot. SVERDLOV class.
4	cruisers	--	Kronshtadt. Probably 10,000 tons.
3	cruisers		Kronshtadt. Probably SVERDLOV class. Two with scaffolding about bridge.
1	destroyer?		Moored three miles west of Leningrad Lightship. Thought rocket-launching equipment was on afterdeck. ²
1	cruiser hull		Tied up at Levaya Damba. Probably SVERDLOV class. Hull completely stripped some work in progress.

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2. The reports also give the following navigational information:

- a. Two nautical miles west of Leningrad Lightship, [] there were four large, 25X1
black painted anchor buoys, placed in a square with approximately two cable-
lengths between each of them. The buoys were marked with flags divided diagonally,
yellow in one field and red in the other. (Att. No. 1). 25X1
- b. [] Leningrad Lightship was not in position (Att. Nos. 1 and 2); [] 25X1
[] when a large tugboat at anchor lay in its place (Att. No. 6).
- c. [] Att. No. 5 received the impression from conversations [] 25X1
that the icebreaker LENIN was to be towed to Kronshtadt for the installation of
machinery.
- d. [] in Leningrad, corrugated iron beams were being driven down along the 25X1
wharf edge, the whole distance from the grain wharf north to the Morskoy Kanal
(Att. No. 5).
- e. In the area abreast of Shepelevskiy Light (N 59-59, E 29-08), [] 25X1
[] great magnetic disturbance for a distance of about one nautical mile.
The compass turned almost completely around. (Att. No. 6).

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SUBJECT: Port Report - Leningrad - Kronstadt

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DATE OF REPORT: 2 July 1959

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1. NAVAL: [REDACTED]

a new naval vessel was seen lying at anchor at a position about two nautical miles west of the Leningrad Lightship.

Description: The size of the vessel was somewhere between the sizes of a destroyer and a cruiser. [REDACTED] The ship had a hull shaped like that of a KOTLIN-class destroyer, but was [REDACTED] somewhat larger. On the fore deck were two double-barreled gun-turrets that seemed to be made in one piece. Aft of these was the bridge structure with a particularly high four-legged grid-mast aft. At the top of the mast was an unusually large radar antenna having the ordinary appearance (like a part of a parabolic mirror). The antenna was built up of ribs and metal cloth. Farther down the mast were placed several other radar antennas. The foreward smokestack seemed thinner than a corresponding stack on the KOTLIN-class vessel, and also was different in that it had a thicker top but lacked the chimney cowl. The after mast was three-legged and powerful, and at the top was a very large radar antenna. Between the after mast and the after smokestack was a short mast with a large object that resembled an enlarged picture-tube for television at the top. The after smokestack resembled the forward ~~stick~~ ^{stick} but was shorter and

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thinner. The distance between the smokestacks was less than the comparative distance on the KOTLIN-class. From the after smokestack was a long deckhouse that farthest aft formed an arch down to the deck; aft of this was a sort of directional apparatus that could possibly fit the arch of the deckhouse when elevated. Aft of the apparatus was something that resembled thick, short gun-barrels. These were covered with tarpaulins. The vessel seemed to be very new. She lay anchored just west of four or five huge mooring-buoys that are not shown on sea charts. (See sketch).

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The following naval vessels were seen in Kronstadt:

a. The cruiser KIROV, [redacted] anchored and stern-tied in the middle basin.

b. A cruiser belonging to the CHAPAEV class lay alongside KIROV, [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] The cruiser was painted steel-blue and was thus different from the remaining vessels that were painted a much lighter color. 25X1

c. Farther in^{side} the same basin lay two cruisers belonging to the SVERDLOV class, with their bows pointed seaward. The vessels carried [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] both of them had scaffolding around their towers. 25X1

d. A destroyer of an older type [redacted] The destroyer had a forecastle with the break aft of the bridge, two wide smokestacks and pole-

masts. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted]

e. Six submarines were seen in the sub harbor, one lying on each side of the piers that were observed. The submarines seemed to be identical and were 25X1

small. [redacted]

[redacted] shooting practice was observed, coming from three small naval vessels and directed at a target in the area north of Scheipelevski (59 59' N -

29 08' E). The vessels resembled mine-sweepers. The shooting stopped as the

[redacted] ship passed by. 25X1

Three motor-torpedo-boats were observed in the same waters, engaged in maneuvers in that they set various courses at great speed but seemingly with no plan. 25X1

The MTB's were the small type, with low forecastles running half the length of the vessel. Midships was a small bridge with a half-sphere on a short mast aft and aft of the mast, a single-barreled gun. Two torpedo tubes stretched from the bridge almost to the stern. 25X1

2. NAVIGATION: In the area abreast of *Shchepilevskiy* great magnetic disturbance for a distance of about one nautical mile. The compass turned almost completely around. Leningrad Lightship was not put out in position 25X1

Instead, in the lightship's place lay an anchored, large tug-boat. 25X1

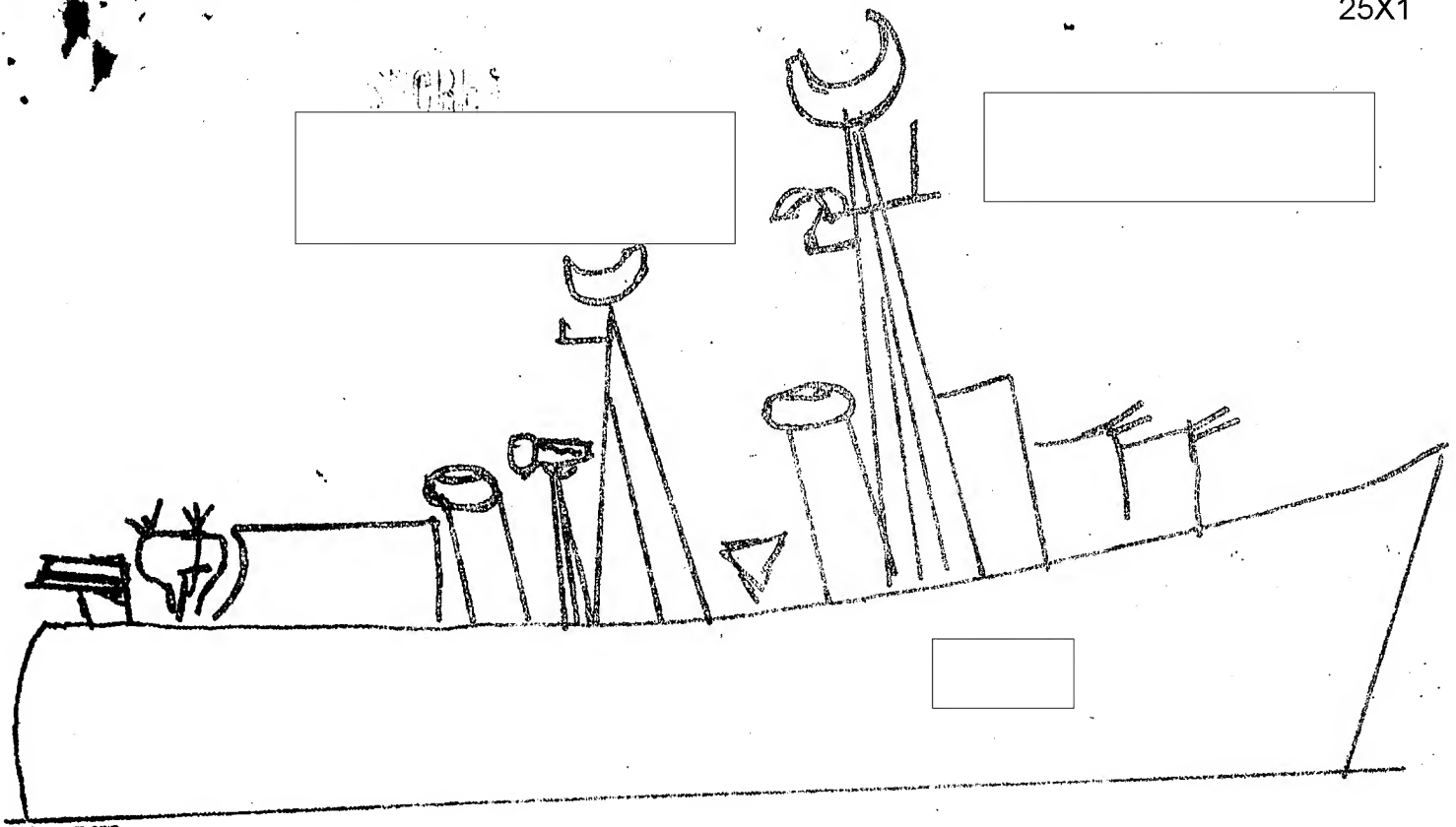
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DATE OF REPORT: 30 June 1959

1. In Kronstadt, [REDACTED] the following naval vessels were seen: 25X1

- a. Farthest in, in the ~~Eastern~~ ^{Western} corner of the basin in the middle, a submarine having an unusual appearance, was observed. 25X1

Description: The sub was between 120 and 150 feet long. It was fairly high in comparison to the length. The bow was shaped like a "Sørlands long-boat" (a particular type of vessel peculiar to the Southern coast [REDACTED], and the afterend was rounded down to the water-surface. 25X1

Aft was a "fin" that stood up vertically and that was somewhat higher than the hull.

Way forward, on the bow, was a small "house" that was about four or five feet high, and about three to four feet long. [REDACTED] 25X1

Approximately midships, where the tower is ordinarily located on a submarine, this sub had a cylindrical-shaped tower placed on a cylindrical pillar. The pillar was from eight to nine feet high, and the tower was five to six feet in height. The diameter of the tower was eight or nine feet.

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A number of ventilators were visible at the top part of the tower. [redacted]

The vessel was painted gray but was of a more blue-gray color than the other naval vessels that lay there. The sub did not carry a flag and no personnel was seen aboard. (See sketch).

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b. In the ^{Western} basin, five, possibly six submarines were observed at the piers. [redacted]

[redacted] The vessels were evidently identical, carried flags, and were possibly 200 feet in length.

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c. In the middle basin, there were a lot of large and small vessels. [redacted]

[redacted] two destroyers that lay on the lefthand, farthest over in the basin.

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Description: The vessels were completely identical [redacted]

[redacted] They each had two smokestacks and forecastle deck with the break at the forward smokestack. [redacted]

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d. On the east side of the basin there was another destroyer.

Description: [redacted] The vessel had two smokestacks and was flush decked. [redacted]

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[redacted] the vessel was of the KOTLIN class.

e. Farthest in, and on the easternmost-side near the dry-dock, there were two cruisers. The vessels lay alongside each other with their bows pointing out [redacted] Scaffolding had been erected around the conning towers and masts on both ships. Work was in progress on board.

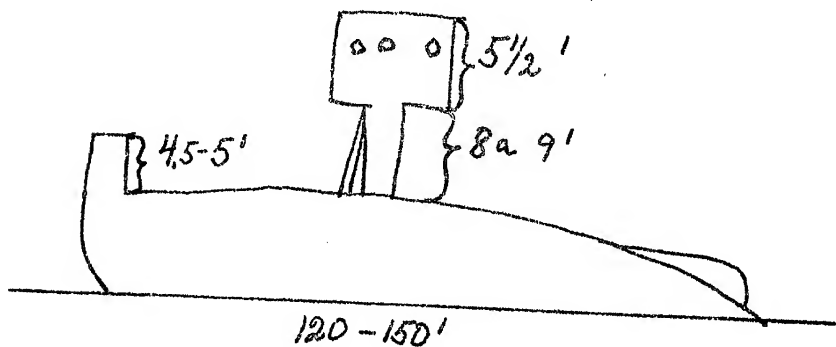
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A "half-done" cruiser of the SVERDLOV class was seen lying tied up at the end of Levaya Damba in Leningrad. No workers were observed either on board or on the wharf.

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1. **NAVAL:** Just outside of Kronstadt [redacted] a cruiser belonging to the

SVERDLOV class was observed lying at anchor. The vessel had been newly-painted and refurbished in every way. [redacted]

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[redacted] the ship was called the SVERDLOV and had been put in order to carry Khrushchev and his party [redacted]

Inside the harbor lay four identical light cruisers of about 10,000 tons displacement. [redacted]

Description: Forecastle with two gun turrets placed one behind the other. The break to the main deck was at the forward smokestack. The bridge had a tower in the form of thick pillars. There were two large, leaning smokestacks. No observation was made of the after deck. [redacted] the vessels belonged to the KIROV class [redacted]

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Three other cruisers of the SVERDLOV class were observed in the harbor. Two of these lay farthest in the middle basin with their bows pointed seaward. These had wooden scaffolding built up around the bridge and masts. [redacted]

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Circa three nautical miles west of the position of the Leningrad light-ship, a new naval vessel lay tied up to a large mooring buoy. 25X1

Description: [] the vessel to resemble an anti-aircraft cruiser. [] The size of the ship was about 6,000 tons. The vessel was markedly larger than the largest destroyer-types the informant had seen. The hull was flush-decked. The distance between two thin smokestacks was comparatively shorter than on Soviet destroyers. The masts forward of the smokestacks were particularly high, and had very large radar antennas at the top. Aft of the after smokestack large deckhouses were located far out towards the stern of a long after deck. [] 25X1

[] there must have been rocket-launching equipment on the after deck. [] a hull resembling a SVERDLOV cruiser was seen tied up at the end of Levaya Damba in Leningrad. [] the construction of this ship had been discontinued two years before, but work was to be reassumed as the vessel was to be rebuilt keeping rocket launching in mind. The hull had been completely stripped, but it seemed as though some sort of work was in progress. 25X1

[] small naval vessels were observed underway from Kronstadt to Leningrad. (They were either patrol boats or mine-sweepers). 25X1

[] the ice-breaker LENIN would make her trial run in the near future.

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1. NAVAL: [REDACTED] six submarines were seen in and around Kronstadt. Two of the vessels were on their way into the harbor where one of them was seen tied up at one of the piers in the western basin.

Description: Three of the vessels, of which two were those in motion, were identical. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The vessels were large and the tower was located near midships. The tower was completely vertical forward [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] it had no grading steps on the after side. At the top, on the stern side, a pipe stuck out at an angle, and did not reach up much higher than the top of the tower. At the top of the pipe (tube) were a number of wings or dampers. The tower was three to three and a half times the length of the forward deck. [REDACTED] the W IV-class (with ^{put} domes) 25X1 as being identical to the observed vessels, when shown sketches.

Two other vessels were identical to each other and were small submarines. The vessels lay alongside one of the piers with their sterns pointed out, and cannot be described more closely. [REDACTED]

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The sixth vessel had, besides the tower, a tube-shaped superstructure on the deck. At the top of the tube was a round building. [redacted] 25X1

the ship had some training use or other [redacted] the superstructure as being "unseaworthy".

In the middle basin lay a number of vessels at anchor and tied up at the stern. The vessel farthest out was very large, and called [redacted] a cruiser of the KIROV class. [redacted] Among the vessels lying inside [redacted] two of them were identical. [redacted] judging by the large tower superstructure and the two smokestacks. 25X1

In the harbor near the dry-dock, which was empty, three very large vessels lay that, seen from the front, resembled armored ships on their hulls. The ships had very high tower-like superstructures, with a spherical object at the top. On all three the masts and towers were surrounded by plank-scaffolding. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted]

At the end of Levaya Damba in Leningrad, a very large rusty hull of a naval vessel lay. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted]

2. SHIPPING: There was very little traffic in the harbor in Leningrad [redacted]

[redacted]

In the large floating dock east of Kronstadt, back of the naval harbor, lay a commercial vessel, shaped like an ice-breaker [redacted] 25X1

[redacted]

[redacted] the ship was to be towed to Kronstadt for the installation of the machinery because of having too deep a draught to be able to leave the shipyards in a finished condition.

3. HARBOR: Work was in progress to hammer down corrugated iron beams along the wharf-edge the whole distance from the grain wharf north to the Morskoi Canal. The space between the old stone wharf and the beam-edge was filled and smoothed out on the top. [redacted] 25X1

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1. [REDACTED] a number of naval vessels were seen in Kronstadt.

a. A large naval vessel [REDACTED] to be an estimated 15000 ton cruiser. 25X1

Description: [REDACTED] The vessels had a very high bridge structure, two smokestacks and two masts. [REDACTED] 25X1

b. About fifteen small naval vessels [REDACTED] judged to be 1500-2000 tons destroyers.

Description: The vessels were very much like each other. They had one smokestack and [REDACTED] they had flush decks. 25X1

c. Approximately ten submarines. The vessels lay in such a way [REDACTED] they were somewhat identical and quite small, circa 150-200 feet. 25X1

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1. [redacted] a very large naval vessel hull was seen, tied up at the Levaya Damba. 25X1

Description: The vessel was about 700 feet long, it was lead-paint flecked [redacted] The break from the forecastle deck down to the main deck was quite far aft and aft of the aftermost smokestack of the two located there. The smokestacks had chimney caps cut off at an angle. The vessel did not have mounted masts or arms. Beside the hull lay a steam lighter that produced steam. Limited work seemed to be in progress on board. [redacted] the vessel was very similar to the

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SVERDLOV-class cruiser [redacted]

[redacted] Kronstadt in the twilight and could not get any impression of the vessels there. [redacted] it was mostly small and older, demasted ships that lay there.

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2. SHIPPING: [redacted] there were unusually few commercial vessels to be seen in Leningrad. 25X1

3. NAVIGATION: Leningrad Lightship was not in position. Otherwise, the buoys and stakes agreed with the chart [redacted] 25X1

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in Leningrad.

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1. [REDACTED] in the morning, a lot of naval vessels were seen in Kron-
stadt.

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- a. Two very large, identical naval vessels lay anchored and tied up at
the stern with their bows pointed seaward, at the large dry-dock.

[REDACTED] The vessels had long forecastles
and an elevation in their deck line midships. There were two gun
turrets on the forecastle, a bridge, two smokestacks with large
chimney caps, break aft of the after smokestack. Around the masts,
which stood forward of the smokestacks, large wooden scaffolds had been
erected on both vessels. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the vessels belonged to the SVIRDLOV class.

- b. The cruiser ADMIRAL MAKAROV [REDACTED], was
observed farther west in the harbor. [REDACTED]

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- c. The cruiser belonging to the KIROV class [REDACTED] was
observed near the ADMIRAL MAKAROV.

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d. A fairly small submarine [] was seen tied up at the middle pier in the sub harbor. The armaments could not be seen. The tower was fairly straight on the forward side and curved evenly down on the after side without any visible horizontal top. []

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e. A submarine having an unusual tower was seen at the western pier in the sub harbor. [] The hull was the ordinary type, but seemed fuller or broader. The tower, seen from the rear, consisted, low down, of a box about three or four meters wide and about two meters long. The breadth was as broad as the sub at the water-line. Two tubes stretched vertically up from the box to a height of about three meters. The tubes were very close together, and had diameters, respectively of about 1.5 meters and 0.75 meter. Over the end of the tubes was a building [] described as a "dove cote". The house was round and about one meter high, with sloping roof and something that resembled a window. [] the whole construction seemed very un-seaworthy. See sketch.

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[] an unfinished cruiser of the SVERDLOV class was seen in Leningrad, tied up at the end of Levaya Damba. The deck line, smokestacks and length resembled the SVERDLOV class. The masts, arms and other equipment had not been mounted. The vessel was flecked with red-lead paint []

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2. SHIPPING: [] only two cargo vessels []

3. NAVIGATION: Two nautical miles west of Leningrad Light-ship, four large, black-painted anchor buoys were observed, placed in a square with approximately two cable-lengths between each of them. The buoys were marked with flags divided diagonally, yellow in the one field, red in the other.

Leningrad Light-ship was not in position; the other stakes and marks agreed with the chart.

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4. HARBOR: Contrary to what is usual, [redacted] no dredging apparatuses
at work when entering the harbor.

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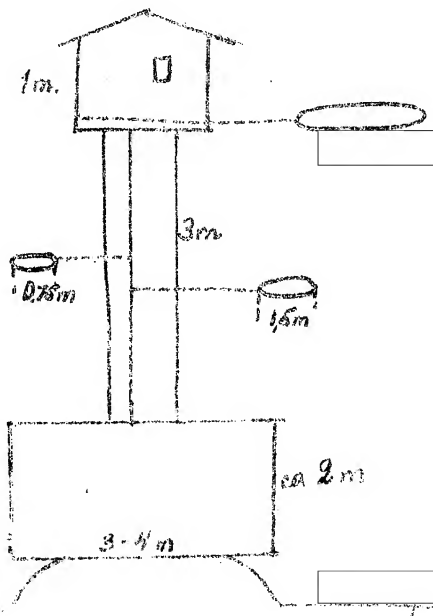
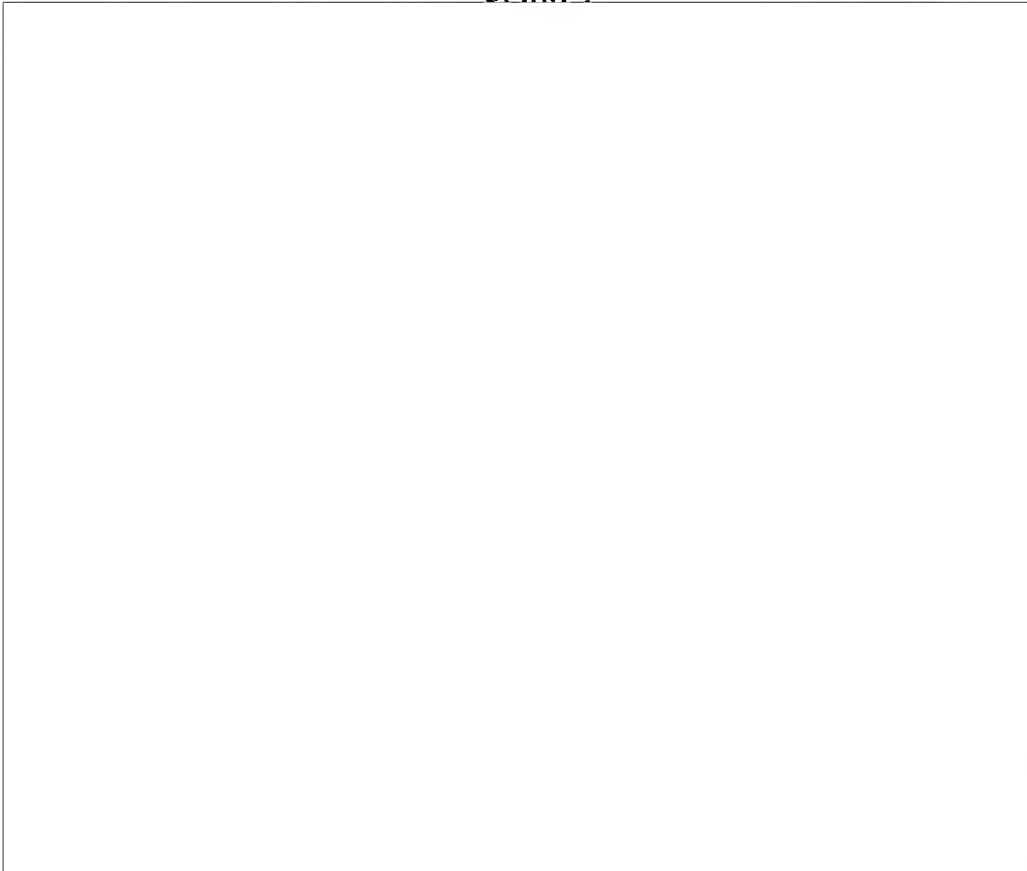
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